

FBA MEETING  
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2430 K St., (Upstairs)

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## INSPECTOR O'CONNELL, NELSON ROOTS OCTOBER MEETING SPEAKERS

Police Inspector John D. O'Connell and Nelson C. Roots, President of the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, will speak at the next FBA meeting, October 30.

Inspector O'Connell is very nearly a native of Foggy Bottom. Although not born in the District, he has lived here most of his life and went to the old St. Stephen's School at 24th & K Sts., N.W. before attending McKinley Tech High School. He attended the Foreign Service School of Georgetown University, and joined the police force in 1941. Previously commander of the 8th Precinct, he was appointed Inspector last May.

Mr. Roots, a prominent real estate and insurance broker, was born and raised in Virginia. He came to Washington to attend Howard University, where he studied the natural and social sciences. Presently Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Acacia Realty Co., he is active in over two dozen citizens', religious and service organizations.

### NEW FOGGY BOTTOM RESTAURANT GETS LIQUOR LICENSE

A new restaurant, licensed to serve liquor, is scheduled to open in about two months at 2524 L St., N.W., in Foggy Bottom.

FBA members voted 19-17 to favor granting of the license at the last Association meeting, Sept. 25. The vote climaxed a long and sometimes heated debate in which the chief speakers were representatives of the firm that plans to open the restaurant, and residents of houses in its immediate vicinity.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board hearings on the license application were attended by FBA Board Member Alex. Wiskup. At President Schoeneman's request, the Board agreed to keep open the record of testimony on the application until the FBA could take an official position at the Sept. 25 meeting.

## FBA BLOCK PARTY A HOWLING SUCCESS

As the hour drew near on Saturday evening September 9 at St. Paul's parking lot, tucked away among the charming town houses in Snow's Court, a din of familiar voices could be heard echoing some not-so-familiar sounds....Of course it's not going to rain....where are the paper cups?...the clouds are blowing over...over where, Foggy Bottom?...I need more extension cords...whose car is this?...turn that thing down...the sign just blew over...turn on the lights...what lights?...here it comes...

So there we were, indoors at St. Paul's as we planned, "just in case it rains." The early arrivals were met by our unofficial greeter, Ellie Becker. Before "The Shapes of Things," a very enthusiastic group who provided soul music (fortissimo) for the evening, finished a couple of numbers and before you could down your first beer, the rain decided to quit; the static on Father Martin's direct line must have cleared up.

Outdoors the crowds were beginning to come in large numbers. Even with the music in the background you could now hear your neighbors talking without having to read their lips. Over at the membership booth Nancy Young, Jan Edelstein and Sue Snowden were very busy signing up new members. (A healthy 58 that evening.)

Under a soggy walnut tree Charlie Shorter and Fred Kayser were busy drawing beer and coke. Did anyone notice a long extension cord running into Betty May's house? Good thing she had that extra fuse.

A goodly 240 people were on hand to kick off the FBA new year. Although the rain put the damper on the plans for colored floodlights on the trees, it didn't seem to dampen the spirits of the crowd.

A hearty thank you to all those off and on the committee who helped with the block party—  
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## PARADOX IN FOGGY BOTTOM

A few weeks before the last FBA meeting, some 60 local residents signed a petition opposing a liquor license for a new restaurant at 2524 L St., N.W. At the meeting on Monday, Sept. 25, 19 people present voted for and 17 against approval of the license. Thus the Association went on record as favoring it.

The license has been granted. As a result, at least one resident will probably be forced to vacate her home. Several doctors with offices nearby will be seriously inconvenienced in their practices, partly through parking problems the restaurant will generate. The Foggy Bottom Association, generally regarded by District Government official bodies as the voice of the people in the area, has swung its mighty weight behind the proposed bar/restaurant. But to repeat, 60 people actually signed a petition in opposition—almost TWICE the number voting at the meeting.

So what's a body (an individual body, that is) to do? Alling Brown

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### WEST END LIBRARY OFFERS EVENING FILM PROGRAM

Foggy Bottom's own library, the West End Branch, is participating in a city-wide evening film program extending through December. All showings begin at 7:30 p.m.; the dates and listings for the West End Branch are:

- Mon., Oct. 30 -- Red and Black  
The Chicken (Le Poulet)  
The Great Chase
- Mon., Nov. 13 -- Under the Black Mask  
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Alberto Giacometti
- Mon., Nov. 27 -- Frederick Douglass  
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The Nativity

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings during this period, other branch libraries will be showing other films, but in many cases a film shown at one branch can be seen later at another. Further information on dates and programs at other branches can be obtained from the West End Branch, or by calling Mrs. Elizabeth K. Wright at the Central Library, NA 8-6776.



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### NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCY; NOVEMBER ELECTION

The resignation of Walter S. Boardman from the FBA Executive Board leaves a vacancy on that body which will be filled at a special election to take place at the regular Association meeting November 27.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER 25 MEETING

1) The FBA's official mailing address is: c/o West End Branch Library; 2) Vote to investigate possible participation of FBA in War on Poverty project; 3) Motion that FBA go on record in favor of issuance of ABC liquor license to restaurant at 2524 L St., N.W.; carried by close vote after lengthy discussion.

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especially to Jerry Oaks, Warner Heyer and Richard Carlton who were on hand from early afternoon until closing. Also to the manager of the D&W Market and to Dudley Williams who was there in person to provide the beer and all its complicated accouterments.

Paul Kennedy

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

## THE DISTANT POTOMAC

Time was when Foggy Bottomites could get to the river for strolling, sunning or just sitting, and enjoy it. But since the horrible series of highways has cut us off from the river, and the Watergate complex and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts have been building simultaneously, there are no easy access walks to the Potomac River from Foggy Bottom. One must approach the river either from Lincoln Memorial, blocks away, or the Boat Center on 26th St., also blocks out of the way.

Why cannot the highway department give us a safe crossing to the river? And will the Kennedy Center and the Watergate complex give us safe access walks to the river when they are completed?

What are the prospects for the future?

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